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JUL 09 2004 Application No. 10/078,240  
Docket No. 740756-2438

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al. )  
Serial No. 10/078,240 )  
Filed: February 20, 2002 )  
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )  
Examiner: Granville D. Lee  
Group Art Unit: 2825  
Confirmation No.: 3255

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE  
TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER  
SECTION 1.97 IN A CONTINUING APPLICATION**

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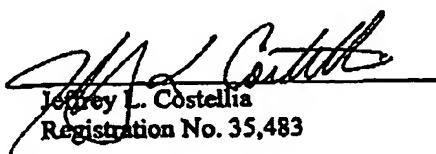
Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for the withdrawal of this application from issue. The issue fee for this case was paid on June 24, 2004.

The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of information in a continuing application. The continuing application is filed as a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The RCE, which is entitled to priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 from this application, is being filed on the same date as this petition and accompanies this petition.

The petition fee of \$130 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Petition Fee of \$130.00 or any deficiencies (except the issue fee) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (740756-2438). A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>		Application Number	10/078,240
		Filing Date	February 20, 2002
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		Examiner Name	Granville D. Lee
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 133, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1998. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. **NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 O.G. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

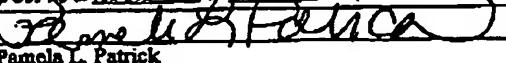
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b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</li> <li>iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</li> <li>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Submission of Formal Drawings</li> <li>v. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition for Withdrawal from Issue</li> </ul>			
2.	<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
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b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
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